

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, In the United States, one person completes suicide every 14.2 minutes; and,

Whereas, It is estimated that 4.73 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide); and,

Whereas, Suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 9th leading cause of all deaths in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In 2011, the HELP!Line Center in South Dakota received over 1,000 suicide-related calls through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255); and,

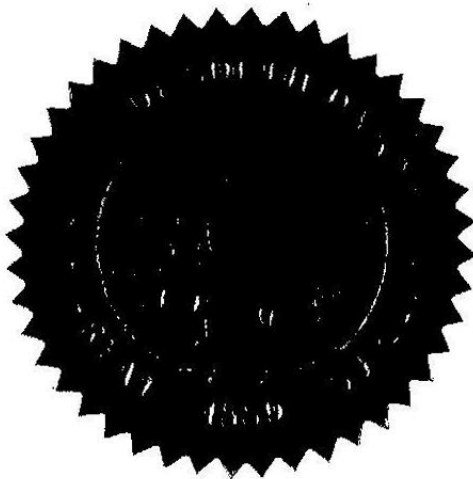
Whereas, Communities in South Dakota can work to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality, and encourage people at risk to seek life-saving help; and,

Whereas, Community mental health centers across South Dakota offer mental health treatment services to people at risk and their families:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 9 – 15, 2012, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK


in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.


Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:


Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State